



# Wisconsin Crop Weather

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## Stop the Faucet, Turn on the Heat

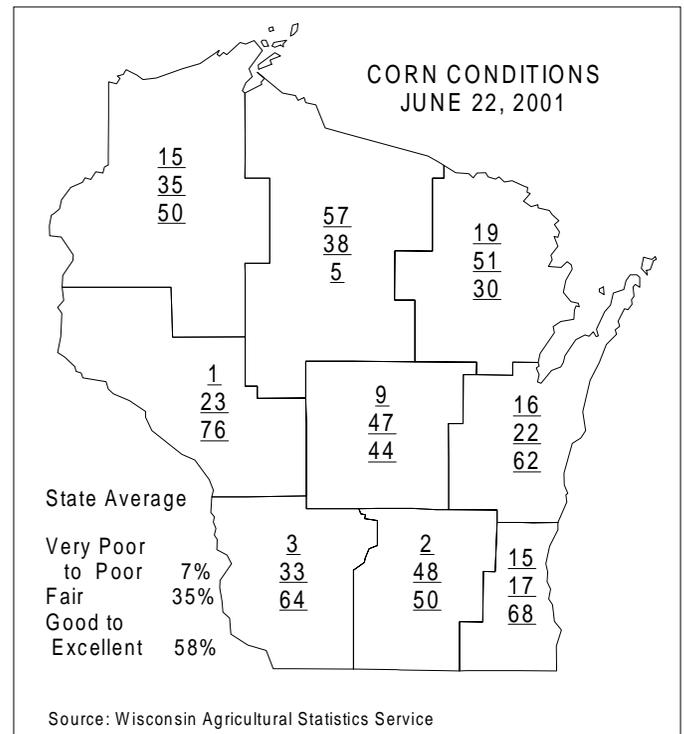
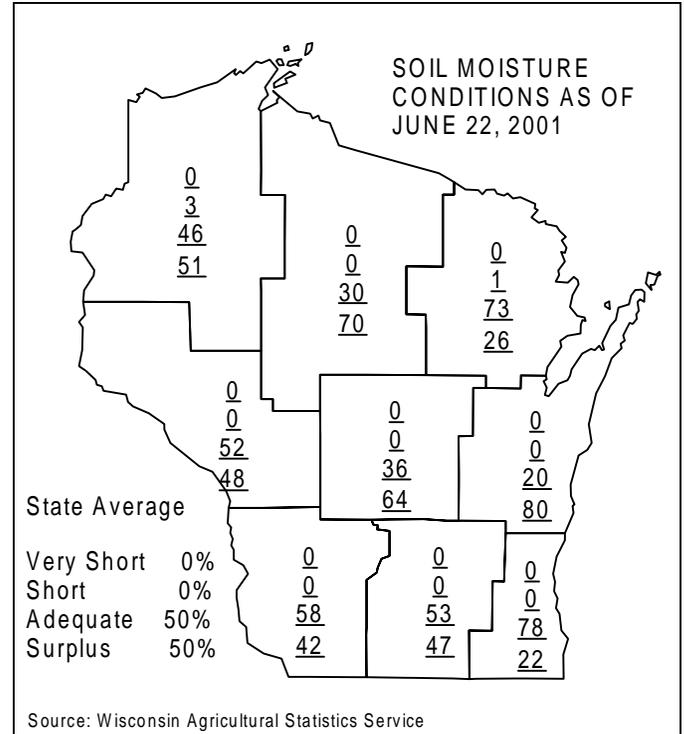
Wisconsin experienced another rainy week. The wet weather continued to delay field activities throughout the state. Temperatures were slightly above normal last week. Days suitable for fieldwork increased from the previous week to 3.8 in Wisconsin, compared to 4.1 days suitable during this week last year. Soil moisture was reported 50% adequate and 50% surplus.

**Corn** emergence reached 92%, compared to last year's 100%. Corn height averaged 10 inches, compared to 17 inches for both last year and the 5-year average. **Soybean** planting reached 88% complete, behind last year's 100%, and the 5-year average of 97%. Soybean emergence reached 77% complete, behind last year's 100%. Farmers from across the state reported time to plant or replant was ending as wet field conditions continued. Some counties reported many fields being taken over by weeds, because it was too wet to spray or plant.

**Winter wheat** fields were rated 83% good to excellent statewide. **Oats** headed reached 22% statewide last week, compared to 72% last year, and 50% for the 5-year average.

**Alfalfa** harvest was 60% complete for first harvest, compared to 79% last year, and the 5-year average of 73%. Several southern Wisconsin farmers reported second crop hay harvest had started last week. A common report among Wisconsin farmers was that poor harvest conditions for the first cutting resulted in lower quality hay.

According to a Dane County reporter **canning peas** have started to set pods, with root rot becoming evident in some fields.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 22, 2001					
Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	0	2	10	54	34
Oats	0	7	19	53	21
Corn	2	5	35	35	23
Soybean	3	8	32	38	19
Winter Wheat	0	1	16	60	23

Wisconsin Crop Progress, June 24, 2001												
Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This year	Last year	5-year average
Corn emerged	92	90	85	90	89	82	95	97	98	92	100	n.a.
Corn height 1/	10	5	9	9	8	6	10	13	15	10	17	17
Soybeans planted	77	74	76	89	74	75	94	94	95	88	100	97
Soybeans emerged	65	60	65	68	66	60	80	87	93	77	100	n.a.
Oats headed	10	n.a.	4	16	11	34	30	46	58	22	72	50
1st crop hay harvested	64	66	50	51	60	59	58	65	66	60	79	73

1/Average height of corn in inches to top of plant, excluding length of extending leaves.

**Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents**

**CHIPPEWA-T.P.:** A dry spell has allowed first crop harvest to wind down. Some fields still have standing water. Much of the corn is yellow and needs heat and more sunlight. Scattered areas sustained light levels of hail damage.

**RUSK-G.P.:** Rain every day again this week. No planting activity and have reached the point where anything yet to go in will switch to summer alternatives. Some haylage put up between showers this week, quality was not good; a fair amount was blown back on the fields. Lots of ruts. Weeds are growing well.

**PRICE-M.K.:** Cool, wet weather continues to plague field operations. About seven inches of rain over the past 10 days. Fields that were cut earlier in the month are regrowing very slowly. Corn and small grains also growing very slowly.

**LANGLADE-K.W.:** Saturday some potatoes were being planted due to weather delays. Water damaged oats and winter wheat.

**MARINETTE-S.R.:** About 3 to 5 percent of county acreage unplanted. Significant leaf diseases on forages, reducing quality considerably. Virtually no additional planting done this week. Many hayfields look like they were used for mud races.

**JACKSON-J.W.:** Very little dry hay put up. Lots of hay went into silos this past week. Lots of first crop hay to be harvested. Blackberries blossomed, and it looks like a good crop.

**PEPIN-H.R.:** Hay crop is at standstill; too many showers. Cutting and bagging or bunkers about only way to harvest. Fields are so wet, ruts are ruining hayfields. Some fields won't be planted; too wet and getting too late.

**PORTAGE-J.W.:** Everyone is catching up on hay making. Many abandoned fields left to plant. Made some excellent quality baled hay, average yield. Cranberries approaching full bloom. Strawberry season in full swing; excellent yield, average flavor. Many corn fields are weedy. Apple set very good. Potatoes look great; snapbeans look good; sweet-corn fair.

**WAUPACA-G.K.:** A little haying, corn planting, and spraying done the last couple of days. Many low areas are unplanted or drowned out. Hay is over ripe, rank, and lodged. Many acres of hay chopped back onto field.

**WAUSHARA-J.J.:** Some cucumbers were replanted after the storm. Most potatoes and peas are good to excellent; some later potatoes are poor stand. Some peas are yellowing in low spots. Early cut hay is looking very good. Dry hay is being cut as fast as

possible with good drying weather here, finally. Oats very close to heading. Big variations in beans-fair to good.

**BROWN-C.F.:** Soybeans are finally out of the ground. Hay quality is poor due to wet weather. Saw one field of corn almost knee-high between Greenleaf and DePere. Winter wheat and barley are heading out nicely.

**CALUMET-M.G.:** We have at least 40 percent of the corn unplanted in Calumet County and nearly that much in Brown, Winnebago, and Outagamie counties. When I drive around the state, I see a lot unplanted.

**CRAWFORD-D.W.:** A lot of low lying soil is too wet to plant, so may forget it. Lots of hay yet to make.

**SAUK-C.N.:** A week with drier weather. Able to harvest hay, and mowing of first crop continuing. Weed control continues.

**VERNON-K.A.:** First crop hay is finishing up. Some tobacco planted, but beds are very slow. Water plants look good. Another inch of rain on Thursday.

**DANE-D.F.:** Planting is completed; some wet areas may be replanted if time allows. Canning peas are beginning to set pods; root rot is also becoming evident in some fields. Another nice week should help aid in weed and insect control in corn and soybean fields.

**JEFFERSON-B.K.:** Corn and beans improving fast. Many farmers struggling to finish first crop hay while some are about to start second. Buds on second crop that was cut May 19. Wheat showing some early signs of turning.

**RACINE-L.F.:** Crops have come a long way with the hot weather. Corn fields probably need more nitrogen.

**WALWORTH-A.A.:** Early peas starting to go. Corn looks good. Soybeans doing excellent. Hard to make hay.



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**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 24, 2001**

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation			
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg dep. from normal*	Mar. 1 to June 23	Mar. 1 to June 23 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	77	52	84	46	65	-3	816	798	2.33	4.54	1.30	17.77
Green Bay	76	54	80	50	65	-1	777	712	1.23	5.12	2.53	16.34
La Crosse	79	56	87	51	68	-2	873	907	0.30	3.95	0.99	16.94
Madison	78	54	86	48	66	-2	875	894	0.64	5.47	2.67	16.94
Milwaukee	74	58	85	51	66	0	775	n.a.	0.63	4.05	1.60	17.44

1/Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. \*Normal based on 1961-90 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>>. N.a. = not available. T = trace.